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In re the Application of:

Applicant:	James Flood	Examiner:	Mark S. Graham
Application No.:	10/015,348 ✓	Art Unit:	3711
Filing Date:	12/12/2001		
For:	Shock Absorbing Baseball Bat ✓		

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED MARCH 4, 2003**

Applicant responds to the Restriction Requirement dated March 4, 2003 (the "Office Action") as follows:

Applicant hereby elects Group II consisting of claims 12-15 for initial examination.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date if it so desires.

Concluding Remarks

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all of the claims currently pending in the Application are allowable and respectfully asks the Examiner to consider the Application. If the Examiner believes that further communication with the Applicant or the Applicant's counsel will

be beneficial to the pending Application, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact
Applicant's counsel directly by telephoning (619) 525-2553.

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